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Dear Jim & Vickie,

Today's Sunday, and Mike & I just got home from work! I wasn't kidding when I said we worked 7 days. This was a little unusual, however.

Durkum's main secretary has been in the hospital so I have been doing both our jobs.

I know what you mean about expenses. Mike & my expense cut about in half when we come to Olympia. No parking expense, or gas, as we bring our lunches every day. Those damn Federal employees -- always getting raises!

I bet Vickie is glad to
be through with school.
That certainly is a long
time to go continuously.
It is hard to find
(BESIDES TEACHING)
other jobs due to the
discrimination against women.

I know Vickie will find
something she likes, though
it has been very snowy
here. we had to put chains
on to get out of the parking
lot a couple mornings.

I am reading the
10-year course in The
Great Books. (Did I tell
you that)? I brought
Aristotle & Plutarch's lives
down here and try to
make myself read an
hour each night. Its really
very good. Its surprising
how alot of the problems
they talk about, are the
same today -- for instance,

the generation gap.

The young Democrats are trying to get McGovern out here for their convention in February. Everyone else around here is pretty worked up over Jackson for President. Mike thinks he has a pretty good chance of being on the ticket since he is about the only well-known hawk the Democrats have. Durkan sure looks good right now. But, a lot can happen in two years.

Mike is on a diet, but he is trying to rationalize now so he can pop some pop corn.

Write again when you have time.

Love
Mary